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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A method for treating an allergic condition other than asthma in a subject, comprising:

administering to a subject having an allergic condition other than asthma an isolated polymer in an effective amount to treat the allergic condition, wherein the polymer comprises repeating units of a charge motif characteristic of *B. fragilis* polysaccharide A (PSA), the motif being a positively charged free amino moiety and a negatively charged moiety selected from the group consisting of carboxyl, phosphate, phosphonate, sulfate, and sulfonate.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the motif is a positively charged free amino moiety and a negatively charged moiety selected from the group consisting of phosphate, phosphonate, sulfate, and sulfonate.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the administering comprises delivering an aerosol of the polymer to an airway of the subject.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the subject is free of symptoms otherwise calling for treatment with the polymer.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the polymer is a polysaccharide.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the polymer is a bacterial capsular polysaccharide.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the polymer is PSA1.

- 8-16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises administering to the subject an anti-allergy medicament selected from the group consisting of glucocorticoids, antihistamines, and anti-IgE.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the administering comprises administering to the subject having an allergic condition other than asthma multiple doses of the isolated polymer to treat the allergic condition.

19-97. (Canceled)